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SUBJECT:POLICY GUIDANCE ON WFP PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES
IN SE ASIA

REF: ROME 10905

ROME FOR FODAG

1. FODAG IS REQUESTED TO RESPOND TO WFP INQUIRY REPORTED
REFTEL BY EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR OPPORTUNITY TO CON-
SIDER RANGE OF QUESTIONS RAISED AND MAKING FOLLOWING
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2. USG DOES NOT OPPOSE SVN RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT FOR

WHICH APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE, ASSUMING PROJECT IS SOUND UNDER NORMAL WFP CRITERIA, SINCE SVN IS FAO MEMBER. ON SAME BASIS USG WOULD WISH TO BE CONSULTED BUT WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE SHOULD ASSISTANCE BE REQUESTED BY LAOS OR CAMBODIA, WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF FAO AND UN. "NO OBJECTION" DECISION IN CASES SUCH AS ABOVE WOULD NOT IMPLY US PARTICIPATION IN COMMODITY OR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, SINCE SUCH MAY BE SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL INTERJUNCTION OR OTHER POLICY CONSTRAINTS. WE ARE ACTING ON ASSUMPTION PER REFTTEL THAT NO U.S. FUNDS INVOLVED. IF THIS IS NOT TRUE, PLEASE HOLD UP ACTION FOR FURTHER REVIEW.

3. USG ASSUMES THAT ANY APPLICATION FROM DRV FOR ASSISTANCE WOULD NOT BE ENTERTAINED BY WFP, SINCE DRV IS MEMBER OF NEITHER FAO NOR UN.

4. IN USG VIEW WFP SHOULD TAKE NO REPEAT NO INITIATIVE TO ENCOURAGE APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE FROM ANY OF FOUR INDOCHINESE COUNTRIES REFERRED TO ABOVE.

5. USG PLANS TO RAISE NO REPEAT NO ISSUE CONCERNING \$6 MILLION EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPROVED BY DG IN APRIL BEFORE FALL OF SAIGON. HOWEVER, USG HOPES THAT NO ADDITIONAL COMMITMENT OF THIS GENERAL TYPE INVOLVING INDOCHINA WILL BE MADE, SINCE SUCH COMMITMENT RAISES POSSIBILITY OF INDIRECT USE OF US SUPPLIED FUNDS.

6. FOR USUN: IT IS RECALLED THAT \$6 MILLION WFP EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE UNDER SIR ROBERT JACKSON WAS ALLOCATED BY FAO DG AS RESULT OF SYG APPEAL. TO GUARD AGAINST REPETITION OR EXTENSION OF SUCH COMMITMENT, REQUEST YOU REMIND SECRETARIAT OF USG CONCERNS RE SUCH GENERAL PROGRAMS AND EXPRESS HOPE THAT NO FURTHER REQUEST WILL BE MADE. KISSINGER

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